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SUBJECT: ONE OF FOUR DEPOSED MINISTERS RETURNS IN RESPONSE TO
PRESIDENT RENE'S ULTIMATUM

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1. AUGUST 21, THE DATE PRESIDENT RENE FIXED AS THE LAST ON
WHICH CABINET MINISTERS IN DEPOSED MANCHAM GOVERNMENT COULD
RETURN FREELY TO COUNTRY, HAS NOW PASSED. ONLY ONE OF THE
FOUR EX-MINISTERS INVOLVED CHOSE TO COME BACK.

2. EX-FINANCE MINISTER CHAMERY CHETTY ARRIVED IN SEYCHELLES
FROM LONDON AUGUST 14, WELL BEFORE DEADLINE. IN CIRCUMSTANCES,
WARMTH OF WELCOME ACCORDED HIM WAS EXTRAORDINARY. CHARGE
OBSERVED ENTIRE STAFF OF PROTOCOL OFFICE GREET CHETTY ON HIS
DESCENT FROM AIRCRAFT AND ESCORT HIM TO AIRPORT VIP LOUNGE.
IT HAD BEEN EXPECTED THAT EX-FONMIN GONZAGUE D'OFFAY WOULD BE
ON PLANE WITH CHETTY, BUT HE EVIDENTLY GOT COLD FEET AT LAST
MINUTE, AND OPTED TO REMAIN IN LONDON. ACCORDING OFFICIAL AND
D'OFFAY FAMILY SOURCES, D'OFFAY IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO
RESETTLE IN SOUTH AFRICA OR AUSTRALIA.

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3. AS EXPECTED, EX-MINISTERS DAVID JOUBERT AND ANDRE UZICE
MADE NO EFFORT TO MEET DEADLINE. BOTH ARE BELIEVED TO BE
IN UK AT PRESENT TIME. ACTING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER
HERE INFORMED CHARGE THAT JOUBERT HAS REQUESTED POLITICAL
ASYLUM IN UK.

4. RENE GOVERNMENT REMAINS WARY OF POSSIBILITY OF COUNTER-

COUP ATTEMPT, POSSIBLY INVOLVING JOUBERT AND UZICE. YET, APART FROM CONTINUING PROCESS OF TRAINING SMALL NEW ARMY, LONG TIME RESIDENTS HAVE OBSERVED FEW, IF ANY, NEW SECURITY MEASURES NOT IN PLACE PRIOR TO COUP. INDEED, EVEN PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS APPEAR MORE RELAXED THAN WAS CASE ONLY FEW WEEKS AGO. ON OCCASOON OF AUGUST 17 CALL ON PRESIDENT, CHARGE WAS AMAZED TO FIND THAT AFTER CLEARING STATE HOUSE GATE ONLY PERSON ENCOUNTERED EN ROUTE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE WAS HIS PERSONAL SECRETARY.
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